

# **International sports law with emphasis on issue of doping in sports**

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The aim of this thesis is to describe environment and character of sports law on the one hand and to thoroughly analyse the doping issue in sports as one of highly topical fields of sports law on the other hand.

After a general introduction, the second chapter describes problems of definition of the term 'sports' itself and subsequently the relation between sports and law as two distinct phenomena with norms of different nature. Terminological suitability of usage of term 'sports law' commonly used for relation between sports and law is also examined.

The third chapter is already focused on international sports, since the international character is a typical attribute of sports law. Crucial characteristics determining the international character of sports law, as the pyramid structure of sports organizations, are explained. The following chapter concerns in more detail international organizations and treaties in the field of sports and their character with respect to public international law. Emphasized is the distinction between governmental and non-governmental international organizations.

The thesis does not forget to point out case law, which has a crucial significance for establishment and development of international sports law. Particularities of sports law, which stress the importance of case law, are summarized in the fifth chapter.

Final two chapters of the thesis introduce one of the issues of international sports law, namely the question of doping in sports. Chapter six is focused on the mere definition of doping while the last chapter describes the most important authorities of the anti-doping movement and their procedures in detail.

Among the authorities described in the seventh chapter belongs the World Anti-Doping Agency whose World Anti-Doping Code is a principle unification document for the anti-doping movement. The World Anti-Doping Code is openly implemented by *UNESCO* International Convention against Doping in Sports.

Another authority of great importance with decision-making power in the field of doping is the Court of Arbitration for Sport, which should serve as the supreme decision-making body in sport related dispute resolution. The ending of the thesis concerns the

approach of European Union and its Court of justice to sports and doping, particularly on grounds of *Meca-Medina and Majcen* case.